

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Thomas D. & Nancy F. Kight House Survey Number: G-IV-A-260

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)


The Thomas D. and Nancy F. Kight House, built *circa* 1940, relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland and Mountain Lake Park areas in the early and mid-twentieth century. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the region. Toward the end of this period, a writer described Oakland as a commercial town surrounded by rich farming and grazing land. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the early twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth during this period. The Kight house typifies much of the region's mid-twentieth-century architecture.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/1/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

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Date

Kight House
G-IV-A-260
West Side Route 219, near intersection with Old Garrett Highway
Oakland Vicinity
Circa 1940
Private

This is a one-story, two-by-three-bay, gable-roofed, gable fronted frame dwelling with a projecting open-sided gable roofed front entry. The house includes a stone and concrete block foundation, asbestos-shingled walls, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof with two masonry chimney stacks. Windows are mostly single, one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim and vinyl shutters. The front and rear entrances contain wooden multipaned half-glass doors with wooden surrounds. Outbuildings on the property include an earthen-embanked well/springhouse, two modern garages, and two foundation remnants from earlier outbuildings. The building faces south and occupies a sloping, partially wooden site set far back off of Garrett Highway about one-and-one-quarter miles northeast of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Thomas D. and Nancy F. Kight House

2. Location

street & number West Side Route 219, near intersection with Old Garrett Highway not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas D. and Nancy F. Kight

street & number P.O. Box 525 telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-4525

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 72-21-69

city, town Oakland liber and folio 282/155

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | | |
|---|---|---|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | Contributing | Noncontributing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | | | buildings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 2 | 2 | sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | 0 | 0 | structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | 0 | 0 | objects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | 0 | 0 | Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | 2 | 2 | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | | |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | | |

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

| | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This is a one-story, two-by-three bay, gable-roofed, gable-fronted frame dwelling with a projecting open-sided gable-roofed front entry. The building faces south and occupies a sloping, partially wooded site set far back off of Garrett Highway about one-and-one quarter miles northeast of Oakland.

The foundation of the house is now primarily built of concrete block, although some sections near the front of the building are also constructed of roughly dressed stone. This curious combination of foundation materials suggests either the reuse of an earlier foundation or the absorption of portions of an earlier building core into the existing house. The foundation now encloses a full cellar. The house is sheathed in white wavy-edged asbestos shingles and topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a wooden eave, a flat wooden verge, and exposed rafter feet. One interior brick chimney topped with a metal cap exists from the center of the east slope of the roof; a second exterior concrete block chimney rises along the middle of the western elevation.

Fenestration consists of single, one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with a mixture of molded and plain flat wooden surrounds and sills. Aluminum storm windows cover most of the wooden sash. A mixture of one-light and six-light fixed sash windows lights the cellar. Black vinyl shutters ornament all window openings.

The front door opening, which is located on the southeastern corner of the front elevation, contains a paneled wooden four-light half-glass door; the opening is finished with flat wooden surrounds and is now trimmed with a set of black vinyl shutters. The rear entrance, located on the opposite elevation at the northeast corner, contains a similar door; this opening is finished with flat wooden surrounds topped with flat drip caps. A cellar entrance with a set of double metal bulkhead doors pierces the southwest corner of the front elevation.

The front porch is built on four-by-four wooden posts that are partially masked by a wooden lattice skirt. The porch consists of a wooden deck, an X-braced wooden balustrade and rail, and four-by-four wooden posts which support an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with exposed rafter feet and a plywood ceiling. A short flight of astroturf-covered wooden steps bordered by a single wooden handrail leads from the front yard up to the level of the porch deck. The rear porch consists of an open wooden deck bordered by an open horizontal wooden balustrade and rail. A set of open wooden steps leads from the rear yard up to the porch desk.

An earthen-embanked well/springhouse stands to the northeast. At first glance, this rectangular structure appears to be the foundation of a demolished building, as it consists only of four partially buried concrete block walls, but it is actually a building that stands partly below grade. A set of concrete steps on one of the short walls leads down into this excavated (an now water-covered) space. A plywood door which is centered on one long wall leads to a working wellspring located beneath the embankment. The stone foundation remnants of an earlier structure, probably the original springhouse or wellhouse associated with this water source, stand adjacent to this building, just to the south. A rectangular poured concrete foundation remnant from another earlier outbuilding stands northeast of the house and springhouse. A modern plywood-clad, gable-roofed, one-story gable-fronted garage stands well in front of the house to the south. This building, which faces east, rests on four-by-four wooden posts and is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof finished with an aluminum eave. An overhead aluminum garage door pierces the east gable. Modern two-over-two double-hung aluminum sash windows in the side and rear elevations light the building, which is presently used for equipment storage. A second one-story gable-fronted metal-sided garage stands just to the southwest. The foundation of this building is not visible; its walls and roof are clad in corrugated metal. A metal garage door opens into the eastern gable, and double-paned sliding aluminum sash windows on both long walls light the interior.

The house is located a considerable distance away from the main road, just west of the intersection between Route 219 and Old Garrett Highway. The house stands at the end of a long, curving lane which is oriented roughly perpendicular to the

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highway. The entire property occupies a partially wooded upward slope. The land just to the south and east of the house is planted in nearly mature Christmas tree-sized conifers. The house currently appears to be vacant, but it remains in good condition.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

Specific dates Circa 1940 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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| Geographic Organization: | Western Maryland |
| Chronological/Developmental Period(s): | Modern Period, A.D. 1930 - Present |
| Historic Period Theme(s): | Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning and Agricultural |
| Resource Type: | |
| Category: | Buildings |
| Historic Environment: | Rural |
| Historic Function(s) and Use(s): | Dwelling and outbuilding |
| Known Design Source: | None |

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 101.15 acres

Acreage surveyed 101.15 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 69, Map 72, Grid 21

11. Form Prepared By

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|---------------|
| name/title | Gabrielle M. Lanier / Architectural Historian | | |
| organization | KCI Technologies, Inc. | date | 3-18-97 |
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| city or town | Hunt Valley | state and zip code | MD 21030-1888 |

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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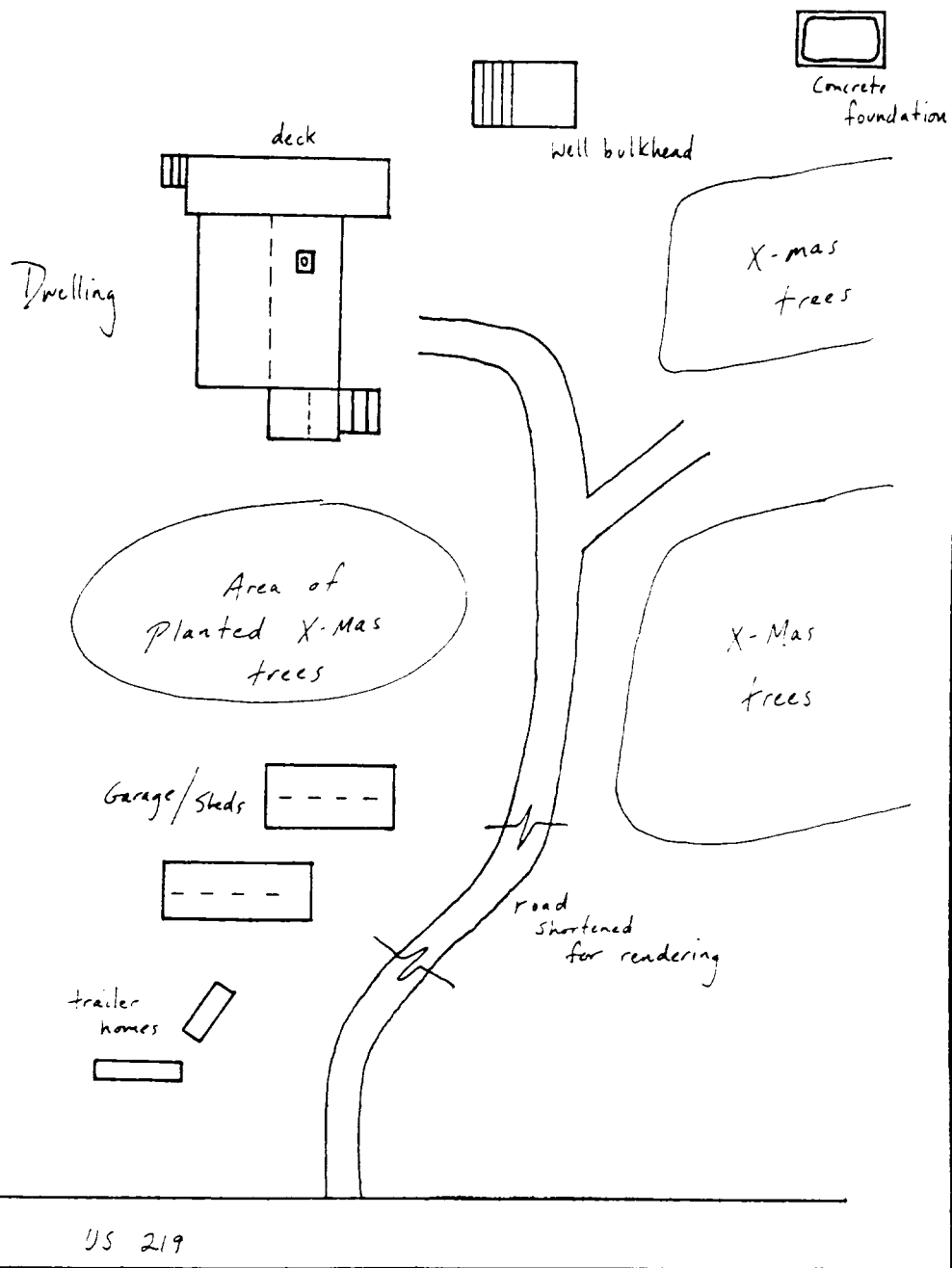
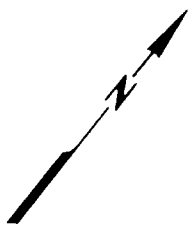
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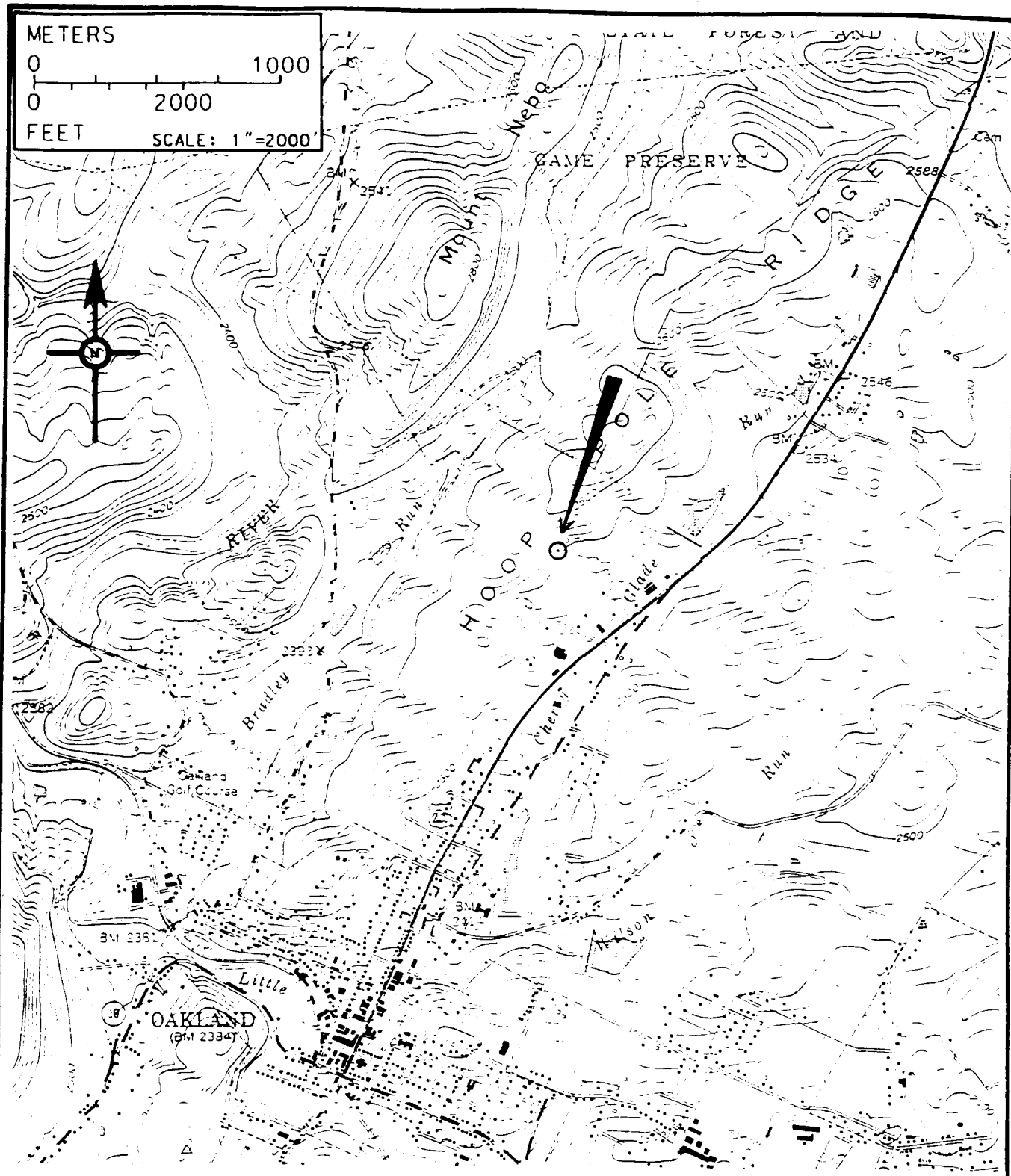


Not to Scale



Resource Sketch Map

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Thomas D. and Nancy F. Kight House
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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 Thomas D. and Nancy F. Kight House
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



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